WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1994, today Fonkoze is a family of three organizations (Fonkoze USA, Fonkoze Foundation, Fonkoze Financial Services) working cohesively to enable access to economic opportunities and development services to Haiti’s poor.

OUR MISSION

We work together to provide the financial and non-financial services to empower Haitians—primarily women—to lift their families out of poverty.

WHERE WE WORK

Located in virtually every region of the country, 90% of Fonkoze’s vast network of branches is in rural Haiti—providing many Haitians their only access to financial & development services.

STAIRCASE OUT OF POVERTY

Fonkoze’s Staircase Out of Poverty provides a comprehensive approach to poverty alleviation in Haiti. Each of its four steps is uniquely designed to provide a woman with the resources and support that she needs to ascend from poverty, wherever she is in her climb.

Along with the four main steps, Fonkoze’s Staircase includes “Handrails”—programs that provide our members and clients with business skills training, education, and health services to support them as they progress.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Fonkoze provides access to sustainable financial services such as micro-loans, enabling the poor to increase incomes, build assets and reduce their vulnerability to external shocks.

EDUCATION + TRAINING

An integral component of the first three steps of Fonkoze’s Staircase, we offer adult education courses in business, life skills, literacy, disaster preparedness, and more to our members and clients.

HEALTH

Fonkoze is saving & improving lives in rural Haiti by improving access to health products, education and preventative care through its Boutik Sante (community health store) social enterprise.

ULTRA-POVERTY

Through Fonkoze’s CLM (Chemen Lavi Miyò or Pathway to a Better Life) program, ultra-poor women participate in an intensive 18-month process to help them build skills, confidence and sustainable livelihoods.

I’ve seen it in action. It’s terrific.

-Nicholas Kristof
The New York Times

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